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SUBJ: SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF MAYORS OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR CITIES -
TURIN APRIL 14 - 16, MILAN APRIL 17 - 19, 1978

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1. MAYOR NOVELLI OF TURIN HAS WRITTEN TO AMBASSADOR GARDNER STATING THAT HE HAS PROPOSED A MEETING OF MAYORS OF ALL CITIES OF MORE THAN A MILLION INHABITANTS TO BE HELD IN TURIN ON APRIL 14-16, JUST PRIOR TO THE MILAN MAYORS CONFERENCE. NOVELLI HAS ACCORDINGLY SENT LETTERS (DATED JANUARY 2) TO THE MAYORS OF NEW YORK, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO AND DETROIT AS WELL AS TO JONATHAN GUNTHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS. NOVELLI IS CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE AMERICAN MAYORS ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND HAS ASKED FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT. AS IN THE CASE OF THE MILAN CONFERENCE, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO URGE GUNTHER TO GIVE THE PROPOSAL SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

2. PROFESSOR PECCEI HAS TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO SAY THAT HE IS PLANNING TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON MARCH 10-11 TO DISCUSS THE MILAN CONFERENCE WITH GUNTHER. HE REPEATED THAT HE THINKS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON WHETHER
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OR NOT GUNTHER IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO AMERICAN APTICIPATION. PECCEI SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH GUNTHER WHICH OF THE SIX COMMISSIONS RELATED TO THE THREE YEAR STUDY ON "THE FUTURE OF CITIES-THE CITIES FOR THE FUTURE" THE AMERICAN MAYORS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMISSION ARE: THE CITY A COMMUNITY OF CITIZENS; THE CITY AND ITS CRITICAL DIMENSION; THE CITY A SYSTEM OF SERVICES; THE CITY A DEICISIONAL

CENTER; THE CITY AND ITS TERRITORY; AND THE CITY AND WORLD SITUATION.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION WHICH
GUNTHER WOULD LIKE US TO PASS ON TO RECCEI PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FROM ITALY.HOLMES

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